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SUBJ: GOC REITERATES DECISION NOT TO GIVE SAFECONDUCTS FOR
CERTAIN ASYLEES

REF: A. SANTIAGO 5986 (DEC, 1973); B. SANTIAGO 1966;
C. SANTIAGO 2143

1. IN APRIL 10 PRESS CONFERENCE, FONMIN UNDERSECY VALDES
REITERATED GOC POLICY (REPORTED REF A) OF NOT GRANTING SAFE-
CONDUCTS TO ASYLEES IN RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS OF COUNTRIES
WHICH HAVE NOT SIGNED CONVENTIONS CONCERNING DIPLOMATIC
ASYLUM WITH CHILE (IN EFFECT, ALL NON-LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSIES).
VALDES SAID GOC HAD MADE DECISION BECAUSE IN CHILE "THERE DOES
NOT EXIST A SITUATION WHICH JUSTIFIES ASYLUM." MINISTRY HAS
SENT OUT CIRCULAR NOTE TO THAT EFFECT.

2. ACCORDING TO VALDES, THERE WERE FIVE NEW REQUESTS
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FOR ASYLUM LAST WEEK; VENEZUELAN EMBASSY 1, AND AUSTRIAN

EMBASSY 4. REPORTEDLY A TOTAL OF 45 ASYLEES REMAINS IN SANTIAGO EMBASSIES: ECUADOR 3, PAPAL NUNCIATURE 6 (THIS CONFLICTS WITH NUNCIO'S REPORT IN REF C), VENEZUELA 31, NICARAGUA 1, AUSTRIA 4. OF TOTAL, 13 CURRENTLY HAVE SAFE-CONDUCT PASSES TO DEPART CHILE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY ASSUMES GOC SHARES OUR BELIEF (REF C) THAT ASYLEES ARE BEING USED TO EMBARRASS IT; APPEARANCE OF FOUR NEW ASYLEES IN AUSTRIAN EMBASSY PRESUMABLY TRIGGERED GOC DECISION TO ENFORCE ITS PREVIOUSLY STATED POLICY REGARDING ASYLEES IN EMBASSIES OF COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE AGREEMENTS WITH CHILE. AFTER DEC 1973 FEW ENTERED EUROPEAN EMBASSIES, EXCEPT ITALIAN, UNTIL GOVERNMENT BEGAN ROUNDING UP LARGE NUMBERS OF SUSPECTS LAST FALL, WHEN PROBLEM AGAIN AROSE. VALDES' STATEMENT PUTS EMBASSIES ON NOTICE THAT GOC WILL DO WHAT IT CAN DO TO DISCOURAGE OUTFLOW THROUGH THEIR FACILITIES.

4. WE NOTE THAT ITALIANS HAVE NO "GUESTS" FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE SEPT, 1973.
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